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THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

1958

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS OF
THE WHITWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for 1958. The layout is similar to that first presented last year.

Details of the provisions of the general health services are given but comment has been made elsewhere. So far as environmental health is concerned there have been no outstanding changes during 1958.

On the occasion of this, my last report to this Council, I must take the opportunity to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, past and present, for their interest and consideration. These have been much appreciated.

My sincere thanks are also due to the Public Health Inspector, Mr. Boardman, whose willing and able support has been always available to me.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. FYFE,

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS

The number of infant deaths during the year was 5. In past reports, the fallacy of interpretation of infant mortality rates because of the small numbers involved has been mentioned. A basis for their interpretation is provided by quinquennial figures, and the five year averages thus obtained iron out the annual fluctuations so that the general trend is more accurately shown. The quinquennial infant mortality rate 1954-58 was 35. Earlier figures are provided for comparison in a subsequent table. The national infant mortality rate for 1958 was 25.

There were three outstanding causes of death in the community as a whole. These were Cardiovascular disease, Malignant disease and Respiratory disease, to which 85 of the total of 104 deaths were attributable. These three illnesses accounted for 62 (60%), 14 (13%) and 11 (11%) deaths respectively. We have now come to expect this state of affairs, but not, I hope to accept it as entirely inevitable. That these conditions should account for 9 out of 10 deaths is in some measure the price to be paid for the improved health of the young with the resulting increase in the span of life since they are essentially diseases associated with advancing age. The accumulative effects, therefore, of the daily strain of living—a strain which would appear to be steadily increasing—and of the irritant effects of the smoke from our chimneys and our cigarettes, have the greater opportunity to reveal themselves.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The incidence of notifiable infectious disease during 1958 was low and were confined with two exceptions to measles, whooping cough and dysentery.

Tuberculosis: There is every reason to believe that this infection is being slowly but surely defeated and that it must eventually assume a minor importance. This will, however, only come about provided vigilance is maintained and that our efforts are unremitting. Mass miniature radiography must continue, the more frank attitude to the illness must be extended and encouraged by education, and housing must be improved.

Poliomyelitis: There were fortunately no cases in Whitworth during the year. The value of vaccination is now fully accepted and large numbers of children and young adults are receiving protection.

Food poisoning and dysentery: The notification of these conditions is extremely valuable if only to serve as an indication of local conditions of hygiene. I would have thought it unnecessary to need to point out that the treatment of one case should not be allowed to obscure the need to protect others.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

The matters to which this section relate have, of course, been the subject of a more detailed report elsewhere. These services are administered by the County Council through No. 13 Divisional Health Committee on which this Council is represented.

THE WHITWORTH CLINIC, BURNEDGE VILLA, MARKET STREET

The clinic premises at Burnedge Villas are used as a combined clinic for both school and child welfare purposes.

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS

It is a requirement of section 203 of the Public Health Act, 1936, that every birth shall be notified to the Medical Officer of the Welfare Authority for the area in which the birth takes place. Since the National Health Service Act, 1946, came into operation arrangements have been made for every birth notification to be sent to the Divisional Medical Officer, as this method greatly facilitates the prompt visiting of new-born infants and their mothers by the health visitors in the area.

DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY SERVICE

During the year the midwives attended 70 domiciliary confinements, representing approximately 58.3% of the total confinements in the district

The services of emergency maternity units are available from several hospitals in the neighbourhood. Local Authority provision for expectant and nursing mothers includes the free supply of sterilised accouchement outfits and includes the loan of special equipment for premature babies.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRE

A weekly welfare session is held at the Whitworth Clinic throughout the year. Dried milk, cereals and other foodstuffs are on sale at the clinic, and where necessary vitamin and iron products are also available. The following figures summarise the work done during the year.

ATTENDANCES AT WHITWORTH CHILD WELFARE CENTRE

	Number of Sessions during year.	All Sessions (including Doctor's Sessions)							
		Number of individual children attending at ages:				Number of attendances by children at ages :			
		0 yrs.	1 yr	2-4 yrs	Total	0 yr	1 yr	2-4 yrs	Total
1957	51	81	89	113	283	1728	526	468	2722
1958	51	68	65	101	234	1368	366	400	2134

HEALTH VISITING SERVICE

During the year Whitworth health visitor made 4,786 individual home visits. The health visitor also carried out the duties of a school nurse.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Parents have the choice of having their children protected against diphtheria, whooping cough, and smallpox either by their own family doctor or at the school clinic. Every endeavour is made by the medical and nursing staff to persuade parents to give their consent to these very necessary and valuable preventive measures.

NUMBER OF DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATIONS PERFORMED IN WHITWORTH

Number of individuals who completed a full course of Primary Immunisation									No. of Re-inforcements			
Age at date of final injection									Age group			
0—	1—	2—	3—	4—	Total under 5 yrs	5—	10—	Total 5-14 years	0—	5—	10-14 incl.	Total 0-14 years
1958												
64	5	2	—	4	75	9	1	10	8	89	79	176
1957												
72	11	—	—	—	83	6	5	11	3	75	29	107

The following table summarises the work done on vaccination.

NUMBER OF VACCINATIONS PERFORMED IN WHITWORTH

	PRIMARY VACCINATIONS					RE-VACCINATIONS				
	AGE IN YEARS					AGE IN YEARS				
	Under 1	1—	5—	15—	Total	Under 1	1—	5—	15—	Total
1958	37	3	3	3	46	—	—	1	7	8
1957	34	4	2	1	41	—	—	4	7	11

Since April, 1955, immunisation against whooping cough has been available. The figures however for a process in its early stages are satisfactory.

NUMBER OF WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATIONS PERFORMED IN WHITWORTH

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO COMPLETED A FULL COURSE OF PRIMARY IMMUNISATION.									NO. OF RE-INFORCEMENTS			
Age at Date of Final Injection.									Age Group.			
0—	1—	2—	3—	4—	Total under 5 yrs.	5—	10—	Total 5-14 years	0—	5—	10-14 incl.	Total 0-14 years
1958 63	4	1	—	1	69	1	—	1	1	2	—	3
1957 31	10	—	1	—	82	2	1	3	—	—	—	—

WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE DISTRICT NURSE IN WHITWORTH

CASES ATTENDED				VISITS MADE		
On books at 31.12.57	New cases attended 1958	Cases completed 1958	Remaining on books at 31.12.58	Day	Night	Total
60	223	237	46	6110	—	1957 6110
				6177	—	1958 6177

HOME HELP SERVICE

This service is designed primarily to deal with emergency cases, ready to give assistance to families with young children so that the breadwinner may return to work. Applicants are required to contribute towards the cost of this service according to the financial circumstances of the household, but most old age pensioners are entitled to this service free of charge.

NUMBER OF WHITWORTH CASES ATTENDED BY HOME HELPS

	1958
Confinement at home	7
Sickness other than Tuberculosis	5
Old Age, Infirmary and Chronic Sick.....	79
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PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE AND AFTER-CARE

Health education has an important bearing on the prevention of illness and the informal teaching carried out by all members of the Health Services in the course of their day-to-day duties is supplemented as occasion arises by the distribution of leaflets, booklets and posters from the clinic.

The relationship established with the staffs of hospitals in the year allows of continuity of treatment when persons are discharged from hospital and come under the care of midwives, health visitors, or district nurses in the home. Aftercare arrangements also include the provision of Convalescent Home Treatment, and during 1958, 2 adult persons from Whitworth were sent for convalescence under the County scheme.

The care and after-care of persons suffering from Tuberculosis in Whitworth is carried out as a routine duty by the Tuberculosis Health Visitor. Articles of sick room and after-care equipment are stored at convenient centres and are available on loan.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Whitworth area is covered by the Bacup Ambulance Station.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Two mental health workers on the divisional staff are responsible for the ascertainment of mental illness and mental deficiency, for the community care of mental defectives, and the after-care of persons who have undergone treatment for mental illness. The difficulty in obtaining institutional care for suitable cases has continued to prove extremely difficult, and represents a problem not merely local but national.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

Local co-ordination between the School Health Service and the other health services of the County Council is secured by reason of the fact that your Medical Officer of Health, in his capacity as Divisional Medical Officer, is required to undertake duties as Senior School Medical Officer within his division, including Whitworth. Whilst the main purpose of the Clinic is educational, children, who on attendance are found to be suffering from some ailment or defect, are referred for appropriate treatment to the family doctor, or for such specialist attention as may be indicated.

Close integration in the field is achieved also since the Whitworth health visitor also acts as school nurse so that continuous contact with and supervision of children can be maintained from birth to the end of school life.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The bacteriological examination of milk, water, and ice cream is now carried out at the Public Health Laboratory at Monsall Hospital, Manchester, and this laboratory may also be used for the examination of specimens of blood, faeces, urine, throat swabs, etc. in connection with epidemic disease. The laboratories at Birch Hill and other local hospitals continue to carry out bio-chemical and other examinations for general practitioners.

TABLE I

CLINIC SESSIONS HELD AT THE SCHOOL CLINIC, MARKET STREET
WHITWORTH.

Minor Ailments :	Tuesday, 9-30 a.m.—12 noon. Fridays, 9-30 a.m.—10-30 a.m.
Child Welfare :	Tuesdays, 2—4 p.m.
Immunisation and Vaccination :	4th Tuesday in month, 10-30 a.m.
Ante-natal Session : (Midwives only).	Mondays, 2—4 p.m. (Doctor attends on first) Monday in month).

TABLE II

DIVISIONAL HEALTH STAFF—WHITWORTH AREA.

Asst. Div. Medical Officer & Sch. Medical Officer.	Dr. M. A. Feeny, School Clinic. Market Street, Whitworth. Tel, Whitworth 2381.
Health Visitor and School Nurse.	Miss E. B. Ferguson, School Clinic, Market Street, Whit- worth. Tel. Whitworth 2381.
Tuberculosis Health Visitor.	Mrs. M. E. Schofield, "Sparth- field," Manchester Rd., Roch- dale. Tel. Rochdale 48333.
District Nurse.	Mrs. C. Bridge, 2, Brenbar Crescent, Whitworth. Tel. Whitworth 2177.
Domiciliary Midwife.	Mrs. I. D. Reynolds, 63 Wallbank Drive, Whitworth. Tel. 2131.
Divisional Welfare Organiser.	Mr. J. H. Todd, Divisional Health Office, 193 Drake Street, Roch- dale. Tel. Rochdale 48231.
Home Help Organiser.	Miss I. Crawford, Divisional Health Offices, 193 Drake Street, Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48231.

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| Mental Health Worker. | Miss J. R. Lambert, Divisional Health Offices, Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48231. |
| Duly Authorised Officer. | Mr. E. B. Williams, Divisional Health Offices, Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48231. (Outside Office Hours: Tel. Oldham MAIn 5488). |
| Ambulance Station, Bacup. | Station Officer J. A. Ashforth, Commercial Street, Stacksteads. Tel. Bacup 728. |

APPENDIX

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Summary of Statistics : 1958

Area (Acres)			4483
Population (Census 1931)			8360
Population (Census 1951)			7444
Population estimated (Mid 1958)			7420
Number of inhabited houses (1958)			2624
Rateable Value			£53,541
Sum represented by a penny rate			£203
LIVE BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	65	41	106
Illegitimate	4	1	5
	—	—	—
Total	69	42	111
	—	—	—
Birth-rate per 1,000 estimated population.....			15.1
STILL BIRTHS	4	2	6
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births.....			51.3
DEATHS	60	44	104
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population.....			15.6
MATERNAL MORTALITY			
Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion			Nil
Maternal mortality rate			Nil
INFANT MORTALITY			
Death rate of infants under one year of age:			
All infants per 1,000 live births			45.0
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births			38.0
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births			200.0
NEO-NATAL MORTALITY			
Deaths of infants under four weeks of age			3
Rate per 1,000 live births.....			27.0
DEATHS FROM CERTAIN SPECIFIED DISEASES			
Diseases of Circulatory System			62
Cancer (all forms)			14
Tuberculosis			Nil
Bronchitis			6

INFANT MORTALITY

Year	No of deaths	Infant Mortality, Rate per 1,000 live births	Quinquennial Rates	
			Year	Rate
1958	5	45	54-58	35
1957	2	16	53-57	31
1956	1	8	52-56	34
1955	5	38	51-55	38
1954	9	69	50-54	40
1953	3	25	49-53	35
1952	4	31	48-52	37
1951	3	27	47-51	38
1950	6	48	46-50	43
1949	5	42	45-49	43
1948	5	35	44-48	48
1947	6	40	43-47	61
1946	7	50	42-46	72
1945	6	50	41-45	75
1944	7	63	40-44	83
1943	13	103	39-43	85
1942	10	94	38-42	82
1941	7	64	37-41	76
1940	9	90	36-40	92
1939	6	76	35-39	90
1938	7	86	34-38	84
1937	4	65		
1936	13	149		
1935	9	75		
1934	5	45		

CAUSES OF DEATH							1958	1957
ALL CAUSES	...	...	...	...	...	...	104	96
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	4
Tuberculosis, Other	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Meningoccal Infections	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Other Infections and Parasitic Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	7
Leukæmia	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	11
Coronary Disease, Angina	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	8
Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4
Other Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	26
Other Circulatory Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	7
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Ulcers of Stomach and Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhæa	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
All Other Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Homicide and Operations of War	—	—

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis)

DURING THE YEAR 1958

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES—Comparison 1949—1958

DISEASE	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949
Small Pox ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever ...	2	...	2	...	3	...	...	6	8	28
Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles ...	21	52	119	166	2	104	94	79	135	101
Whooping Cough ...	43	2	14	27	8	31	32	38	54	15
Pneumonia ...	...	1	...	5	2	1	...	4	5	10
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Erysipelas ...	...	...	3	1	1	2	2	1	4	2
Dysentery ...	16	...	1	...	...	5	1	...	...	...
Meningococcal Infection ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
Gastro Enteritis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Polio-myelitis ...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	2
Chicken Pox ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...
Totals ...	82	55	139	200	16	150	143	130	207	161

INFECTIOUS DISEASES—Monthly Incidence, 1958

DISEASE	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Small Pox ...													
Scarlet Fever ...	2									1	1		
Diphtheria ...													
Measles ...	21				3								18
Whooping Cough ...	43		8	24	7	2	2						
Pneumonia ...													
Erysipelas ...													
Puerperal Pyrexia													
Meningococcal Infection													
Chicken Pox ...													
Food Poisoning ...													
Dysentery ...	16					16							
Poliomyelitis ...													
Totals ...	82		8	24	10	18	2			1	1		18

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1958.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5—14 ,, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15—24 ,, 	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
25—44 ,, 	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45—64 ,, 	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 and over	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Age Unknown .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	7		0		0		0	
	7				0			
Total 1957 ...	4	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
	4		0		4		0	

Public Health Inspector's Annual Report

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Whitworth.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN :

I have pleasure in presenting my sixth Annual Report to you which covers the year ending December 31st, 1958.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

56 Preliminary or Informal Notices for the abatement of nuisances and the remedy of sanitary defects in and around dwellings were served on owners and occupiers.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

Number of premises visited	493
Number of Sanitary Defects found	306
Number of Sanitary defects remedied.....	296
Food premises inspected	55
Factories inspected	40
Rodent Control	396
Meat Inspection	366

SANITARY DEFECTS FOUND.

Houses :

Defective walls and ceilings	14
Defective Roofs	30
Defective Floor Boarding or Flagging	1
Defective Wall and Ceiling Plaster.....	16
Defective Fire Ranges, Fixed Boilers, etc.	5
Defective Eavestroughing	12
Defective Waste-pipes	13
Defective Window Frame or Sash Cords	33
Unhygienic Rooms and Bedding	15

Houses: (continued)

Defective Rain Water Pipes	17
Defective Pointing	9
Defective Doors	8
Defective Chimney Stacks	2

General :

Choked drainage	58
Defective Drainage	33
Defective Sanitary accommodation buildings	13
Defective Sanitary accommodation fittings	9
Burst water service pipes	18

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

A. Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Water Supply.

The water supply to the area is mainly satisfactory, being provided by the Rochdale Corporation, and the majority of the houses have a supply of water that is wholly sufficient and good in quality.

The water is collected from upland surface gathering grounds and afterwards treated by modern methods of filtration and chlorination.

36 samples of the public water supply were taken during 1958 and submitted for bacteriological examination. All were reported satisfactory.

27 samples were submitted for chemical analysis and satisfactory reports were received.

The number of dwelling houses supplied from public mains is 2602 and 109 houses have supplies drawn from private sources.

Public Cleansing.

Household refuse is collected on a weekly basis from all the houses in the area and approximately 2,230 dustbins are emptied by two side-loading waggons. 12 initial issues of dustbins were made and 276 dustbins were replaced during the year.

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping methods on the Council tip at Landgate, and although satisfactory, concern is caused by the condition of the approach and the constant attention required to maintain the roadway in a reasonable condition.

The collection and disposal of refuse has been mainly satisfactory throughout the year. At certain times of the winter months it is not possible to collect refuse from premises off the main highways due to snow and frost and the workmen and vehicles being engaged on snow removal with the Highways Department. At the present moment we are not experiencing any difficulty by shortage of labour and if we can retain the present staff we can meet the future with confidence. A new refuse collection vehicle was put into service at the beginning of the year and this has cut down considerably the amount of time lost due to mechanical breakdowns.

The Council also have in operation a salvage scheme and the following table shows the weight of materials recovered during the twelve months under review.

	Tons	Cwts.
Waste Paper	46	7
Light Metal	36	15

The collection of tins from house refuse was discontinued from September as it became uneconomical.

Details of the cost of collection and disposal of household refuse are as follows :

Loads removed	1634
Cost per load	£2 5s. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.
Refuse in tons (estimated)	4085
Cost per ton	18/1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Number of houses and premises	2985
Cost per house and premises per an.	£1 4s. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.
Average length of haul	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles

Sanitary Accommodation.

The sanitary accommodation of the area is as follows:—

Fresh Water Closets	2121
Waste Water Closets	144
Pail Closets	58
No. of houses on the Water Carriage system	2692

The Pail Closets existing are situated at the following premises :—

Dwelling-houses	34
Mills and Workshops	6
Farms	7
Churches	11

With very few exceptions they cannot be converted to the fresh water carriage system, in view of the fact that they are situated in outlying parts where no sewer is available.

Although the Council encourage the conversion of waste water closets to the fresh water carriage system, progress is slow and there is no authority for compulsory conversion.

Referring to the sanitary accommodation generally, there are numerous blocks of houses where the occupiers of the dwellings have to walk distances of 20 or 30 yards down the street to the sanitary accommodation, this being jointly used by two or more families. Unfortunately, this state of affairs cannot be improved at the present as most of the houses concerned are either back to back or otherwise scheduled for reconditioning, etc.

Atmospheric Pollution.

Generally speaking, little trouble was experienced during the year by atmospheric pollution from smoke, and it was not therefore necessary to take any legal action in this matter.

Much still remains to be done with regard to the pollution caused by domestic chimneys but smokeless fuels and improvement in the design of domestic fireplaces will aid progress.

Rodent Control.

The main sewers were treated on two occasions during the year and judging by the number of baits taken, the treatment was successful in disposing of a fair number of these destructive pests.

A part-time man is employed for dealing with these treatments, and a charge is made for his work when engaged on industrial and farm premises.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY		
	Non-Agricultural		Agricul- tural
	Dwelling Houses	All Other	
Number of properties in district	2680	529	41
Number of Properties Inspected	130	12	25
Total Inspections (incl Re-Inspections)	293	48	55
Number of Properties found infested by:			
Rats—Major	6	5	2
Minor	9	7	4
Mice—Major	4	3	2
Minor	31	7	12
Number of Infested properties treated	50	22	20

B. Housing.

Very little can be added to previous years remarks upon this subject, particularly in regard to the older type of houses.

There are approximately 720 houses of the back-to-back type and 170 of the back-to-earth type with a cavity at the rear of little consequence. The majority are so built as to be incapable of re-conditioning.

These are often wanting in many points now regarded as essential for the health of the inmates and it is very difficult to decide how far it is practicable to enforce modern requirements in such houses. In many instances, there is increasing deterioration due to lack of proper maintenance. No hard and fast line can be drawn between that which is essential and that which is desirable.

HOUSING STATISTICS

(a) NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR.

	Houses	Flats
1. By the Local Authority.....	Nil	Nil
2. By Other Local Authorities	Nil	Nil
3. By Other Bodies or Persons	Nil	Nil

(b) UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	281
(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose	337
(2) Dwelling houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit :—	
(a) Number found during year	12
(b) Number (or estimated number) at end of year.....	7
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit	26

2. Houses Demolished.

In clearance areas—

(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	Nil
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	Nil
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2), Housing Act 1957	Nil

Not in clearance areas.

(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act 1937	1
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3. Unfit Houses Closed.

(1) Under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act 1957	2
(2) Under Section 17(3) and 26 Housing Act 1957	Nil
(3) Parts of building closed under Section 18 Housing Act 1957	Nil

4. Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.

	By Owner	By L.A.
(1) After informal action by Local Authority	292	—
(2) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts	—	—
(b) Housing Act, 1957	—	—
(3) Under Section 24, 9 and 16 Housing Act 1957 ...	—	—

5. Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act 1957)

Position at end of year.

(1) Retained for temporary accommodation.	
(a) Under Section 48	Nil
(b) Under Section 17(2)	Nil
(c) Under Section 46	Nil
(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	Nil

6. Purchase of houses by agreement.

Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed clearance orders or compulsory purchase orders, purchased during the year Nil

7. Housing Act 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958—Improvement Grants, etc.

Action during year.

	Private bodies or Individuals		Local Authority	
	No. of Schemes	No. of Dwelling Houses or other Buildings affected	No. of Schemes	No. of Dwelling Houses or other Buildings affected
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority	15	16	—	—
(b) Approved by local authority	14	15	—	—
(c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry	—	—	—	—
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	—	—	—	—
(e) Work completed	13	14	2	2
(f) Additional Separate dwellings included in (d) above.	—	—	—	—

(g) Any other action taken under the Act. Nil

C. Meat and Food Inspection.

Slaughterhouses Act, 1954.

Food and Drugs Act, 1957.

Memo 3. Meat.

During the year all the animals slaughtered at the slaughter houses in the district have been examined. Particulars of carcasses inspected and amounts condemned are shown below.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle exclud'g Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed.....	341	158	43	925	144	—
Number inspected	341	158	43	925	144	—
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBER- CULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI.						
Whole carcase condemned ...	—	—	—	1	—	—
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned ...	22	2	—	67	—	—
Percentage of number inspected	6.45	1.89	—	7.35	—	—
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY.						
Whole carcase condemned ...	—	1	—	—	—	—
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	6	43	—	7	—	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis...	1.64	27.85	—	4.86	—	—
CYSTICEROSIS.						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcase submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	—

WEIGHT OF CARCASSES AND ORGANS FOUND TO BE UNFIT FOR
HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

All diseases except Tuberculosis	1180 lbs.
Tuberculosis only	1682 lbs.
Total	2862 lbs.

Slaughterhouses

There are five private slaughterhouses licenced in the district and regular inspections are carried out. The premises are maintained and conducted in a satisfactory manner.

The majority of the animals slaughtered in the district are for consumption in the district.

Slaughtermen's Licences.

During the year 14 persons were licensed as slaughtermen.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949—1954.

Milk Supply.

Only special designated milk is sold in the area and samples are taken at the depot in whose district they are situated.

Throughout the district there are 38 shops other than dairies registered distributors of bottled milk.

Ice Cream.

Routine visits were made during the year to the premises in the district where ice cream is manufactured, and also to the premises where ice cream is sold by retail only. A large amount of the ice cream sold is now pre-packed and manufactured outside the district.

Food and Drugs Acts, 1938 to 1957.

The provision of the above Acts, so far as they relate to the sampling of food for nature, substance and quality are administered by the Lancashire County Council in co-operation with the Local Authority.

A total of 38 samples were obtained, of these 28 were of milk (this total includes 2 Channel Island milks) and the 10 others comprised :—

3 Dried Fruit	1 Fruit Drink
2 Fresh Fruit	2 Glycerin B.P.
1 Cream of Tartar	1 Lard

The samples were submitted for analysis, and were reported to be genuine.

Food Shops.

There are 115 premises from which food is sold in the district.

General Grocers and Provision Dealers	40
Greengrocers and Fruiterers (inc. Wet Fish)	9
Meat Shops	10
Bakers and Confectioners	10
Fried Fish Shops	9
Sugar Confectionery, Minerals, Ice Cream, etc.	8
Licensed Premises, Clubs, etc.	28

Food Inspection.

7 visits were made during the year to inspect foodstuffs at various premises and condemnation certificates were issued for the following :—

Corned Beef	12 lbs. 0 ozs.
Peeled Tomatoes	14½ ozs.
Tomato Soup	64 lbs. 0 ozs.
Steak in Gravy	1 lb. 0 ozs.
Sliced Peaches	1 lb. 13 ozs.
Luncheon Meat.....	14 ozs.
Bean in Tomato	2 lbs. 9 ozs.
Pears, halves	9 lbs. 5 ozs.
Apricots	1 lb. 0 ozs.
Garden Peas	1 lb. 0 ozs.
Processed Peas	1 lb. 8 ozs.
Herrings	12 ozs.
Rice Pudding	1 lb. 0 ozs.
Evaporated Milk	1 lb. 2 ozs.
Cream	6 ozs.

**PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948**

**PART 1 OF THE ACT—1—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES
INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR**

Premises (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers prosecuted (4)
SECTION I: Factories in which Sections I, II, III, IV and VI are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	2
SECTION II: Factories not in- cluded in (I) in which Sec- tion VII is enforced by the Local Authority ...	42	5	...
SECTION III: Other premises in which Section VII is en- forced by the Local Author- ity (excluding out-workers' premises)
Total ...	44	5	...

2—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of defects			Number of offences in respect of which prose- cutions were instituted (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (4)	
Want of cleanliness ...	...	...	...	...
Overcrowding ...	...	...	...	...
Unreasonable temperature ...	...	...	...	...
Ineffective drainage of floors	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Accommodation:				
insufficient ...	...	...	...	...
unsuitable or defective ...	4	4	2	...
inadequate ventilation ...	...	...	...	...
want of cleanliness ...	...	...	...	...
not separate for sexes ...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences against the Act	...	...	...	...
Total ...	4	4	2	...

PART VIII OF THE ACT—OUTWORKERS : NIL.

Sewage Works

Works of improvement have been completed and although the method of treatment is still the same it can now be carried out more satisfactorily. The main problem is still the disposal of sludge and it has now been found that the cheapest way of disposal is by means of lagoon and drying beds, it will be necessary to have these emptied approximately every other year and work is at present in progress on the largest lagoon. The dried sludge can be disposed of by tipping at the north end of the Sewage Works.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I desire to acknowledge the courtesy extended to me by the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, and also tender my thanks to the Medical Officer of Health for his assistance rendered in the discharge of my duties.

I am,

Yours obediently,

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